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politics. Among the proposals submitted, some asked that the municipal government construct more schools, sportsgrounds, and hospitals; others concerned repair of roads and houses, a new sewage system, additional street lamps, new parks, and better means of transportation.[26]

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2. The County Government. On the work of the People's Congress and the People's Council at the county level, a report will be given on Nan Hai County, Kwangtung Province. About 400 delegates attended the session which convened November 6 to 9, 1954. Most of the members came from the 247 agricultural co-operatives working 107,000 mou (17,833 acres)of land. The amount of land under cultivation had increased by 12 per cent over that of the previous year. A resolution was passed to increase production in the autumn harvest. Support was promised by the delegates to the liberation of Taiwan and the speedy industrialization of China.[27]

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3. The Hsiang Government. A report on the Shuang Miao hsiang, Hsiang-ch'eng County, Honan Province, will serve to explain the workings of government at the hsiang level. After the land reform of 1949, a Representatives' Conference was convened and members of the People's Council were elected. The conference passed resolutions to be carried out by the People's Council. The conference urged that the council do everything possible to speed rehabilitation of neglected farms and to increase agricultural production. In this hsiang, 95 per cent of the population joined agricultural co-operatives or mutual-aid teams. Production was increased by 50 per cent during the war against Japan. Floods had done a great amount of damage in the hsiang, and so the

26. Yangtze Daily, October 16, 1952.

27. Wen-hui Pao [Wen-hui Daily], Hong Kong, November 10, 1954.

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Conference passed a resolution calling for the digging of a ditch to control flood damage. The entire population, men and women, completed a ditch 4 li (about 1.3 miles) long, 10 feet wide, and 12 feet deep. A report offered at the Conference concerned damage done the tobacco crops by insects, and definite measures to eradicate the pests were decided upon. The conference considered 70 proposals, some of them criticisms of Party cadres. Three members of the hsiang council were impeached and dismissed with the approval of the county government. A Representatives' Conference on the hsiang level is not only a political gathering but a means to improve general conditions within the hsiang.[28]

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28. Yangtze Daily, November 13. 1952.